

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2007

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in special session at West Lafayette City Hall, Board of Works Room, on January 30, 2007 at 7:00 pm. In compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law, notice of this special meeting was sent to the press and posted. A copy of the meeting agenda was also posted.

Police Merit Commission President Polles called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

PRESENT: Commissioners Don Corrigan, Larry Leverenz, Virginia Nead, John Polles, and Joel Weber.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Counsel Williams and Police Chief Marvin. No members of the public or the media were present.

ONLY BUSINESS

Commission President Polles summarized the reason for this special meeting.

At the January 8, 2007 regular meeting it was reported that one of the Eligibility List applicants named in November 2006 had not yet returned his background investigation package and that efforts to contact him had been unsuccessful. This had never happened before. It was decided at that meeting that a certified letter should be sent to this individual with a suspense date by which the background investigation material must be returned. Since that date this individual has been in contact with Deputy Chief Walker by phone. He informed Deputy Chief Walker that he is pursuing employment with another police department. A letter has been received from him asking to be removed from the West Lafayette Police Department Eligibility List. The lesson learned is that the background investigation package should be sent by certified letter with a suspense date by which it must be returned.

One of the Eligibility List applicants named in January 2007 informed Deputy Chief Walker that he is going through an application process with another police department and felt that it would be deceptive to start the application process with West Lafayette. He also asked if it would be possible to remain on the West Lafayette Eligibility List and requested that he be advised if this option was available.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Leverenz moved "that we amend the rules to include: 'When an applicant's name is given to the Chief that applicant may, at his/her request, decline the offer to continue in the employment process but shall remain on the Eligibility List at his/her request.'" After discussion it was recommended that this sentence should be inserted in Section II.F, fourth line, after "...eligibility list." After further discussion, Commissioner Weber recommended that more time be permitted to

consider this change to the Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Leverenz requested to withdraw his motion. His request was granted by the other Commissioners.

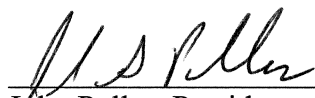
Commissioner Leverenz moved that "candidate Y be allowed to remain on the Eligibility List." The motion lost by a vote of 2 in favor, 3 against.

Commissioner Nead moved that "he be removed from the Eligibility List but be given the opportunity to reapply in the next cycle." The motion was adopted by a vote of 3 in favor, 2 against.

It was agreed that an Executive Session would be scheduled for 7:00 pm on February 12, 2007 to receive information about prospective employees.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.



John Polles, President



Joel Weber, Secretary

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Special Meeting Agenda, 30 January 2007
7:00 P.M., Board of Works Room, City Hall

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Only Business

Review of application process of a prospective employee (Commissioner Polles)
Decision concerning the status on the eligibility list for a prospective employee
(Polles)

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Notice of Special Meeting

January 30, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Board of Works Room
West Lafayette City Hall
609 West Navajo Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

A special meeting of the City of West Lafayette Police Merit Commission will be conducted on January 30, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Works Room of West Lafayette City Hall.

The purpose of this special meeting is to reach a decision concerning a prospective employee and the eligibility list.

This Notice is issued pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5.

Joel N. Weber, Secretary
West Lafayette Police Merit Commission